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1. JUNE 18 PRESS CARRIED BRIEF REPORT OF VISIT OF ITALIAN "ANTIFASCIST" DELEGATION, HEADED BY SENATE VICE PRESIDENT FRANCESCO ALBERTINI, IN LISBON FOR PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING CONTACTS WITH NEW PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. DELEGATION MET WITH PRESIDENT SPINOLA, PRIME MINISTER PALMA CARLOS, COMMUNIST PARTY SECRETARY-GENERAL AND MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO ALVARO CUNHAL, JUSTICE MINISTER SALGADO ZENHA, AND INFORMATION MINISTER RAUL REGO. PRESS ACCOUNTS REPORTED NOTHING OF SUBSTANCE EMERGING FROM ANY OF THESE ENCOUNTERS, ONLY THAT ITALIANS EXPRESSED DELIGHT AT POLITICAL TRANSFORMATION IN PORTUGAL SINCE APRIL 25 (WITH APPROPRIATE PORTUGUESE RESPONSE OF APPRECIATION).

2. DELEGATION INCLUDED (BESIDES ALBERTINI) FOLLOWING SIX PERSONS: SERGIO SEGRE (PCI FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPECIALIST), DEL PENNIN (REPUBLICAN PARTY), MICHAEL ACHILLI (PSI), HUMBERTO SCALIA (CGIL, BUT REPORTEDLY REPRESENTING THREE "CENTER" UNIONS), CARLO SANZA (DC, PRESIDENT OF EUROPEAN UNION OF CHRISTIAN YOUTH), AND DELEGATION'S PRINCIPAL ORGANIZER, ANDREA GAGGERO (PCI, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF RECENTLY FORMED COMMITTEE OF SOLIDARITY WITH PORTUGAL). SEVERAL OTHERS, PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED AS DELEGATION PARTICIPANTS, DROPPED OUT BECAUSE OF CURRENT ITALIAN POLITICAL CRISIS.

3. UNITED ITALIAN LABOR DELEGATION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF CGIL, CISL AND UIL ALSO IN LISBON RECENTLY TO MEET WITH PORTUGUESE COUNTERPARTS, NOTABLY THE INTERSINDICAL. TOPICS DISCUSSED REPORTEDLY CENTERED ON COMMON PROBLEMS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INTEGRATION OF EUROPEAN LABOR MARKET, BETTERING EMIGRANT WORKERS' WORKING CONDITIONS AND STANDARDS OF LIVING, AND REVISION OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS ON EMIGRANT WORKERS (BEING DISCUSSED AT ILO CONVENTION IN GENEVA). COLLECTIVE BARGAINING, LABOR ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE, AND GENERAL LABOR EXPERIENCE IN BOTH COUNTRIES, THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, AND EUROPE IN GENERAL ALSO DISCUSSED. ITALIAN DELEGATION PROMISED TO ASSIST PORTUGUESE LABOR MOVEMENT, THROUGH THE INTERSINDICAL, IN WHATEVER WAY

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IT COULD AND INVITED PORTUGUESE TO SEND SIMILAR DELEGATION TO ITALY. PORTUGUESE THANKED ITALIANS FOR INVITATION BUT REGRETTED THAT GREAT PRESS OF BUSINESS MAKES ACCEPTANCE IMPOSSIBLE AT THIS TIME.

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